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Open Letter to the City Staff

I want to personally thank all of the City Departments and staff who worked so hard to make my "State of the City Address" successful. My presentation highlighted the outstanding work that is being done by the City team to keep Franklin's quality of life and services at the highest level. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Ken Moore, MD
Mayor

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The City of Franklin is proud to offer a **'Countdown to a New You'** weight-loss program in partnership with Williamson Medical Center. This program is designed to encourage you to make healthy lifestyle changes. Registered dietitians from WMC will provide you with the information and inspiration you need to help you take control of your health and feel better! The program includes weekly weigh-ins, educational sessions, tips to help you succeed and fun giveaways. Please visit Inside the City for more information on the program and registration. **The program will start on May 5th and continue through July 21st.**



Recruit firefighters from five departments graduated from the Franklin Fire Department's 10-week recruit firefighting training program yesterday in a ceremony at Franklin's City Hall. The twelve graduates include eight firefighters from Franklin, and one firefighter each from the Almadale, Brentwood, Fairview and Pleasant View Fire

Departments. During the program, which is approved by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy

and the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting, recruit firefighters completed 400 hours of both classroom and hands-on firefighting and emergency rescue training drills, under the direction of **Franklin Fire Training Captains Jeff Elliott and Glenn Johnson.**

News 2 will be in town Monday night at the Franklin Police Headquarters for a free seminar about keeping safe in a storm. The seminar will take place at 6:00 pm in the community room. Join Nashville's News 2's Allison Chinchar at Franklin Police Headquarters for the free one-hour, must-see presentation.

Parks Director Lisa Clayton was featured on WSMV last night with an interview about the proposed rule to have pet free zones in our parks with athletic fields. Reporter Josh Devine picked up the story from the City's Facebook page where we asked residents for feedback on the proposed new parks rule. See the story at <http://www.wsmv.com/news/27706380/detail.html>

Susan Colman , of the Planning and Sustainability Department is this week's winner of the Mayor's parking spot. Susan was nominated by Lori Jarosz of Planning and Sustainability. Lori said, "Susan is always there when you need her and knows what we need before we ever need it. Susan is very passionate about her job and it shows in her work every day and she never backs down from a challenge. Susan gives 110% to her fellow staff members and is always willing to make a difference and to help anyway she can. Susan is a blessing to us we would be lost without her. During the move of the Planning Department she dug her feet right on in and cleaned and got dirty and made sure that we stayed on our time schedule and had everything under control. She is a true angel in disguise and always goes out of her way to assist anybody she can." If you see someone doing a good job, please take a moment and nominate them for this one week luxury. **Email agoodjob@franklinton.gov with your nominations.** We'll keep them on file for a drawing each Monday. **Susan, you can begin your parking reign this Monday May 2-6. Congratulations!**

The Main Street Festival begins Saturday. Many staff on the special events team have been assisting with the planning and working of this event. **My thanks go out to each and every one of you who make this event so pleasurable for thousands of people who attend. Special thanks to Monique McCullough and Rodney Escobar** who put together an operations plan that includes the duties of each participating department, emergency operations, evacuation locations, and much more. I feel this year's event is one of the best planned and thought out events we've covered since we've been doing events in this City. May the sun keep shining and keep everyone safe this busy Franklin Weekend!

Here's a trivia contest. The first two employees to tell me how many years the main street festival has been going on will win a Franklin TV travel mug or a City of Franklin notebook.

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